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PROS AND CONS OF AMALGAMATION

COUNCILS' DIVERGENT VIEWS

Is the amalgamation of the three Thanet towns of Ramsgate, Broadstairs and Margate desirable, if it could be achieved?

The ADVERTISER & ECHO is this week able to disclose the views of some of the authorities concerned.

Broadly speaking, Margate favours amalgamation, whereas Ramsgate's representatives on the Joint Thanet Committee are opposed to it on the grounds that the disadvantages would probably outweigh the advantages. Broadstairs takes a similar view.

Some months ago the Joint Committee, which includes representatives of the three towns, was set up to consider local government as it might affect Thanet after the war.

At the request of the Joint Committee the officials of the three towns submitted a report at the conclusion of which they suggested that prior to giving detailed consideration to the matter of amalgamation each of the authorities should first consider the matter from the following angle:

(1) Is amalgamation desired as being an advantage in itself apart from the retention or otherwise of powers of local government?

(2) Is amalgamation desired if amalgamation will definitely secure the retention of existing powers which would otherwise be lost?

(3) Is amalgamation desired in the hope that amalgamation may tend to the retention of existing powers with no guarantee one way or the other?

(4) Is it desired to remain as independent units of local government taking whatever risks there may be either of the Government forcing amalgamation or taking away some existing powers?

Margate's Answers.

Margate Town Council considered the matter at a meeting held in committee on 1st June, when it was resolved, states a report to be presented at a meeting of the Council to-day, that the Town Clerk of Ramsgate (Mr. H. G. Curtis), who is hon. secretary of the Joint Committee, be informed that the Council's answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 were "Yes" and to question 4 "No."

The report gave no reasons which led the Council to the conclusions at which they arrived.

Broadstairs Says "No."

The four questions were considered at length at a meeting of Broadstairs Council in committee on Monday.

A proposal that the answer to the first question should be "Yes" was defeated by seven votes to three.

Those voting in favour were Councillors E. K. Minter, B. J. Pearson and R. Humphrey, and those against Councillors H. Nobbs (Chairman of the Council), H. Bing, F. Foster, S. W. Fright, G. W. Lane, F. J. Malpress and O. Robinson.

Questions 2 and 3 were not put and it was decided that the answer to question 4 should be "Yes."

The Council are to be congratulated on their decision, which might well be followed by both Ramsgate and Margate, to call a public meeting to discuss the subject.

The Ramsgate committee appointed to serve on the Joint Committee consisted of the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), Alderman W. Hawkins and Councillors the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, T. H. Prestedge and P. Turner.

What Ramsgate Thinks.

Their report, which we publish in full in view of the importance of the matter to every citizen of Ramsgate, is as follows:

Your committee set out below the four questions and their views upon each question and recommend that such views be adopted and submitted to the Joint Committee.

1. Is amalgamation desired as being an advantage in itself apart from the retention or otherwise of powers of local government?

The committee feel that there is no inherent advantage to Ramsgate in amalgamation. They have given special consideration to the matter under the following heads:

Finance.

The report of the officials points out that it would be unwise to assume that the average rate-poundage would derive any substantial benefit from amalgamation in the shape of reduced rates.

The committee's investigations show that the tendency would be for Ramsgate to lose financially rather than gain by amalgamation.

In the years prior to the war the financial policy of the Council had been to economise on heavy capital expenditure and maintain a stabilised rate until the capital involved in the purchase and development of the West Cliff in 1936 had been repaid. The bulk of this repayment will have been effected by the end of the war.

The result of this policy (subject to any abnormal conditions prevailing after the war) would be that Ramsgate would be in a favourable position after the war to raise fresh capital for the development of the town or alternatively to reduce the rates.

The position with regard to the loan indebtedness of the two towns of Ramsgate and Margate prior to the war was that Ramsgate's outstanding debt amounted to £885,434 or £25. 2s. per head of population as against Margate's £1,458,550 or £35 19s. per head of population.

Since the war Margate has in addition received a claim from the County Council for £100,000 in compensation on the county for increased burden consequent upon the amalgamation of Westgate and Birchington with Margate.

The rates paid per head of the population were—Ramsgate £4 16s. 9d. and Margate £7 17s. 4d.

Without going into great detail it is clear that the pooling of the resources of the two towns and those of Broadstairs as a result of amalgamation would operate against Ramsgate and that any problematical economy from centralised administration would not be sufficient to offset the initial financial disadvantage to Ramsgate ratepayers.

The committee feel this aspect of any suggested amalgamation should be clearly in the minds of the inhabitants of Ramsgate from the outset and that any assumed advantages of amalgamation in other directions should be clearly defined and weighed up as against the financial disadvantages.

General.

The committee feel that there is a tendency to regard amalgamation as an advantage in itself merely because the three towns are adjacent to one another but investigation shows that there is no ground for this assumption.

Each of the three towns is a separate entity, each has its own civic life built up over many years, each has its own institutions, shopping centres, etc., the administration of each of the three towns has been efficient; each has had sufficient financial resources to give its inhabitants essential public services; each has a town planning scheme linked up and co-ordinated with that of the adjoining towns and for all practical purposes the three towns are as much separate units as the three towns nearest to them on the Kentish coast, viz., Deal, Dover and Folkestone.

The committee feel that because of the proximity of the three towns it might be possible to prove that the administration of essential public services, such as highways, sewerage, public health, etc., could be more efficiently carried out for the area as the result of amalgamation, but they feel that one result of amalgamation would be to take away control from the ordinary councillor and citizen. It would be necessary to establish a civic centre and it is assumed that an endeavour would be made to find a site centrally situated easily accessible from each of the three towns. The removal of the municipal offices from the business centre of each of the three towns where it has hitherto been possible for the inhabitants to make easy contact with various departments and with members of the Council would inevitably lead to bureaucratic control with power more and more in the hands of permanent officials.

In the view of the committee any possible improvement in the administration of essential public services would not offset such disadvantages, particularly since these services are now well administered in each of the three towns and there have not been to the knowledge of the committee any general complaints.

Seaside Activities of Town Councils.

Local authorities in seaside towns have important duties to perform in ensuring that the amenities and attractions of the towns are such as to appeal to the holiday-making public. These duties are in many respects as important to the inhabitants who rely for their prosperity upon the holiday-making public as are the public health duties of local authorities, which to a large extent are prescribed by Government departments.

In this respect Ramsgate Town Council for many years prior to the war had shown themselves to be fully alive to their responsibilities.

With the taking over of the harbour and its development as a yachting centre as a result of the eastern undertaking, the facilities given for the construction of a modern bathing pool by private enterprise, the acquisition of the pleasure dome and in many other directions Ramsgate had enhanced its reputation as a health and holiday resort.

The committee are apprehensive of the effect amalgamation might have upon the residents of Ramsgate who rely upon the holiday-making public.

Ramsgate's experience in the years immediately before the war emphasises the advantage of personal and friendly contact such as those which obtained at Ramsgate's Coventry Week and in the yachting and motor boat rallies.

So far as all three of the Thanet towns are concerned, the committee feel that the healthy rivalry and keen competition prior to the war tended to enhance the success and prosperity of the towns as a whole. Summer visitors to the area were able to enjoy the different atmospheres of the three towns created by the individuality of separate municipalities.

Amalgamation would result in there being one local authority controlling a coast line of 22 miles containing numerous bays, beaches and amusement centres. The committee feel that one centralised control of a holiday centre containing such an expanse of coast would prove unwieldy and would inevitably tend towards a standardisation of amusement

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LOOTING ALLEGED

THANET C.D. WORKERS SENT FOR TRIAL

Two Ramsgate men and one from Broadstairs were among nine members of the Kent Civil Defence Mobile Reserve committed for trial at the Kent Assizes for stealing and looting while engaged on salvage operations.

They were Frederick Sidney Newby, aged 59, of West Cliff-road, Ramsgate, William Henry Philpott, aged 24, of Crescent-road, Ramsgate, and Robert Reginald Meehan, aged 42, of Lawn-road, Broadstairs.

The men were alleged to have been concerned in stealing clothing and footwear to the value of £295.

It was stated the men were sent to assist in salvage operations. Some articles were placed in the men's lorry and taken away with them. Meehan took from the rubble three pairs of shoes, one of which he sold to a colleague at Swanley for 15s., and a suit, and placed them in a locker in the lorry. Newby told a police officer that one of the men gave him a pair of shoes, which he put in the lorry. Philpott said "That's right," when charged by a police officer.

All the men, except Newby, pleaded guilty and expressed their regret. Newby said he was queer on the day in question. He went to the lorry in the afternoon and found the shoes there.

They were allowed bail pending the trial.

STOLE PHOSPHOROUS BOMBS

MARGATE BOYS IN COURT

Five boys aged between 11 and 12 years who admitted stealing 13 phosphorous bombs from a Home Guard store appeared before the magistrates at Margate juvenile court last week.

P/C Hopkins said the bombs were stored on a piece of ground surrounded by a 6ft. spiked fence. They were hidden in a trench and covered with corrugated iron and earth. He found one of the bars of the fence had been bent to make an opening.

D/I Cory read a statement made by one of the boys, in which he said he and another boy were cycling towards Manston on Easter Sunday when four boys on a bank threw stones at them. They threw stones back and then the older of the four boys threw a bottle at them, which exploded about 15 yards away. When they came back they had a look round and found about 20 cases of bottle-bombs in a trench just inside the fence and about 30 loose bombs lying on the grass. One boy took one which he dropped and burst. Later they went to the same place with other boys and took one each which they placed in a front garden in Wellis-gardens.

The Probation Officer (Mr. A. E. Gray) said all the boys came from good homes and he could only attribute their conduct to mischievousness.

Four of the boys were placed on probation and in the case of the fifth boy, who was bound over for an offence in April, his probation was continued.

FORCES TALENT

FULL HOUSE AT ODEON

A packed house at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, on Friday, saw the second of the series of combined forces artiste talent contest variety nights.

The success of the series, devised by Mr. R. N. Paterson, the manager, is to give those members of the services whose concert activities have been curtailed by the war an opportunity of renewing their acquaintance with the footlights, and Friday's display of talent proved that the idea is popular with the forces.

The guest artistes were L/Bdr. Wright, a clarinet player whose interpretation of "Black eyes" received a great ovation, and L/Bdr. Shilling with admirable impressions of railway and ship journeys.

The talent competition brought six competitors, of whom the audience chose as first, prizewinner Bdr. Gaskin, R.A., who sang popular numbers. A/Cpl. Millen, giving the best impersonations of famous stars yet heard at the Odeon, was second, and Sgt. Yates, R.A., another vocalist, came third. Other competitors were Ottamn, Fisher, R.E.M.S., and Bdr. Armitage, R.A., two singers, and Pte. Griffiths, an expert whistler.

So popular is this feature, "sandwiched" between the films, that Mr. Paterson hopes to continue it for some time ahead.

DEPUTY SURVEYOR'S APPOINTMENT

The Deputy Surveyor to Broadstairs Council (Mr. W. F. Nicholson) has been offered and has accepted a temporary appointment as assistant civil engineer with the Admiralty.

His service will rank as war service and his post as Deputy Surveyor will be available to him at the termination of his temporary engagement.

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Sunday	... 11.1 p.m.	—4.58 a.m.

ROBBED THE MAIL

RAMSGATE POSTMAN SENT TO PRISON

MAN OF SOME MEANS

Described as a man with "considerable financial backing," a Ramsgate postman, with 23 years' service to his credit, was sentenced to three months imprisonment at Ramsgate police court on Monday for stealing a postal packet.

Defendant was Arthur James Boot, aged 54, of Margate-road, Ramsgate.

It was stated that defendant had admitted that from time to time since Christmas he had stolen other postal packets entrusted to him for delivery.

Defendant was charged with stealing a postal packet containing two cartons of 20 cigarettes, a £1 Bank of England note, a 10s. note, a written communication and a razor blade in the course of transmission by post.

Mr. C. C. Maughan prosecuted on behalf of the Post Office and defendant was represented by Mr. A. R. Young.

Under Suspicion.

Mr. Maughan said the packet stolen by defendant was a test packet, as he had come under suspicion in connection with other matters. Defendant had been employed as a postman by the Post Office for 23 years and it was a little difficult to understand why he did what he did after a long period of apparently good service. His only explanation was that he was tempted and fell.

Complaints having been received that postal packets were going astray, an inspector was sent to Ramsgate to investigate and he prepared a test packet which was placed in defendant's bag for delivery. When taxed with the theft of the packet defendant admitted it.

"He also admitted it was not the first occasion on which he had done that sort of thing," continued Mr. Maughan. "He admitted having done it from time to time since Christmas."

Mr. T. R. C. Raikes, an officer of the investigation branch of the Post Office, said as a result of his enquiries at Ramsgate his suspicions fell on defendant. On the morning of 24th May he made up a postal packet containing the articles mentioned in the charge and it was handed to defendant in his bag for delivery by Mr. Brown, Ramsgate inspector of postmen. After defendant had left to make his delivery a search was made at the Post Office but the packet was not found. It was a mile-and-a-half and defendant should have placed it on one side before leaving. After enquiries had been made and it was ascertained that the packet had not been delivered, witness interviewed defendant. He said "I am sorry. I took the packet. I was tempted and I fell."

Fairish Amount of Money.

Witness said defendant produced all the items contained in the test packet with the exception of the 10s. note, which he said he had used. He also had on him £7 10s. in Bank of England notes.

Mr. Young: Did he also admit he was a man of some means?

Witness: He said he had a fairish amount of money.

Continuing, witness said defendant had served at Ramsgate Post Office for 19 years and he admitted that from time to time since Christmas he had stolen other postal packets. He had given no excuse except to say that he was tempted, and witness was unable to find any reason why he should have done it.

Mr. Charlie Thomas Barrow, of Ramsgate, said he had known defendant for 12 years and had always found him a straightforward and honest man. A few years ago he lost his wife, which depressed him, and his son was serving in the Middle East. He had had to leave his home and he was not very happy in lodgings.

Mr. Young said he felt justified in the peculiar circumstances of the case in asking for leniency. Defendant had given 24 years of sober, steady service and so far as was known had done nothing wrong up to Christmas. He gave satisfactory service in one job from 1926 until 1914 and in 1919 he joined the Army. He served overseas and was wounded. It was very difficult to see why defendant committed the offence and he asked the magistrates to regard it as a temporary aberration. Defendant, apart from the penalty imposed by the bench, would lose his living, a pension of about £1 a week to which he would shortly be entitled, and his good name.

Most Respectable Citizen.

Cpl. Butcher said there was no police record against defendant, who had always been regarded as a most respectable citizen.

Mr. Maughan said defendant's financial position was good and he was asking for costs. Witnesses' expenses amounted to £4 3s. 10d.

Announcing the sentence, the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the Post Office was a national institution and the public expected, and generally found, that postmen were men of unimpeachable honesty. He would be sentenced to three months imprisonment and but for his previous good character the sentence would have been one of six months.

Asked if, in view of the sentence, he was pressing for costs, Mr. Maughan said "He is in a position to pay. He has quite considerable financial backing, I understand."

The Chairman said defendant would have to pay costs amounting to £27.

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WAGE INCREASES

FOR COUNCIL OFFICIALS AND WORKMEN

A number of salary increases for both officers and workmen were approved at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

On the recommendation of the Health Committee the salary of Mr. E. Young, Senior Sanitary Inspector, has been increased from £450 to £500 as from 1st April.

On the recommendation of the Staffing and Salaries Sub-Committee the salary of Mr. S. R. Cowell, foreman at the refuse destructor, is to be increased to £5 a week in view of the additional work involved in taking over the paper salvage scheme, and the salary of Mr. G. A. Newman, clerk in the Borough Surveyor's department, increased to £4 4s. a week, inclusive of war bonus.

The committee further recommended that there should be no alteration in the salaries of Mr. T. L. Martin, Sanitary Inspector, or of Mr. T. H. Dutton chief clerk in the Harbour department, but that Mr. F. Brown, Sanitary Inspector, should be placed in Grade 5 at the third increment.

"The sub-committee feel," stated the report, "that in view of the present staffing position in all departments with many of the staff in the armed forces, the question of making any vital alterations in the existing grading scheme should be deferred, but recommend that the committee remain in being."

The report was adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee stated that a letter had been received from the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Joint Industrial Council for local authorities—Non-Trading Services—Manual Workers, stating that the Provincial Council had approved the recommendation of the National Council that the existing war bonus of 15s. 6d. should be increased to 17s. 6d. per week as from the second full pay week in May, 1943.

NEW HEADQUARTERS

FOR BROADSTAIRS GIRLS' CLUB

Orillia, Queen's-road, Broadstairs, has been loaned to the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Red Cross Girls' Club for use as their headquarters, by Mrs. Watts, widow of Dr. A. M. Watts, who was Medical Officer of Health for the district.

The Chairman of Broadstairs Council (Councillor H. Noble) was M.C. at a whist drive held at the club. Prizes were distributed by Mrs. Noble and while refreshments were served during the interval, music was played by the Brighter Broadstairs League orchestra.

As there were no expenses connected with the event, a sum of £9 3s. 9d. was raised for club funds.

The prizewinners were Miss Kilkenny, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Whiteing, Mrs. Butt, Capt. Johnson, Miss Moon, D. O'Keef, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Humphries, Mrs. Noble, Miss Raven, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Bennett, Mrs. Fowler, Miss Vyse, Mrs. Page and Miss Johnson.

Miss Vyse, who organised the event, thanked all who had assisted, including Mrs. Saunders (commandant of the Broadstairs Red Cross detachment), Miss Hobbs, Capt. Johnson, Miss Osborne, Mr. S. Boucher, Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Redman, and the following donors of prizes —Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. C. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Miss Wiles, Miss Osborne, Mrs. Vyse, Miss Allen, Mrs. Goodson, the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, Miss Hobbs, Mrs. Redman, Mrs. Howard, Mr. F. B. Salt and Councillor G. W. Lane.

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RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Births and Deaths.—Two boys and six girls were born in Ramsgate in April and during the same month the deaths occurred of eight males and eight females.

National Savings.—National savings in Ramsgate for the weeks ended 22nd and 29th May amounted to £2,265 and £2,989 respectively.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Team Labour Contract.—In view of increased wages, Ramsgate Town Council have agreed to pay an increased charge under their team labour contract with Messrs. Sayers Ltd.

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Health Visitor Resigns.—The Health Committee of Ramsgate Town Council have expressed appreciation of the services of Miss B. Wilson, Health Visitor, who has obtained an appointment with the Metropolitan borough of Hammersmith.

Whist Players' Target.—Ramsgate Working Men's Club are aiming at a target of £100 from their nightly whist drives for the Red Cross. Already, as a result of the events, £70 has been sent to the organisation, and Mr. Setterfield, the M.C., is doing his best to reach the "century."

Hackney License Refused.—Ramsgate Town Council have declined to grant a hackney carriage license enabling him to ply for hire with a taxi to Mr. A. J. Morris, of 134 High-street. The Watch Committee are of opinion that there is no public demand for an additional license.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Nurses Inspected.—The Ramsgate Nursing Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was inspected last week by the Lady County Superintendent, Mrs. C. Falwasser, C.St.J., accompanied by the Assistant Lady County Superintendent, Miss H. May, S.S.St.J. Sixteen nurses were on parade under Nursing Officer Mrs. Siminson.

Red Cross Flag Day.—Volunteers are asked to assist in the flag day collection which is being held at Ramsgate on Saturday, in aid of the Red Cross and St. John Organisation. Emblems and collecting tins will be obtainable at Clarendon House on Friday. Lady Camden, joint county president of the Red Cross, will visit the organiser and collectors at Clarendon House on the flag day.

BROADSTAIRS

Merchant Navy Week.—Following a request by Broadstairs Council, the Brighter Broadstairs League is to organise a Merchant Navy Week during August. They hope to produce a full-length play and hold other social events.

Savings.—The sum of £946 was invested in national savings in Broadstairs and St. Peter's during the week ended 29th May. The amount was made up of savings certificates £389 and deposits in the Post Office savings bank £557.

Bowls Pairs.—In the second round of the pairs competition at the Memorial bowling green, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, G. S. Woodward and G. R. Read defeated E. Hart and E. Hoskins by 28 shots to 20. W. Elliott, E. Hart and W. Finch were the winners in a triples contest.

Free-Will Offerings.—During January, February and March the sum of £46 4s. 1d. was received by the free-will offering fund at St. Peter's Church. Of this amount £38 4s. 4d. will be devoted to the work of the Church at home and £7 19s. 9d. to the Church abroad.

Pierremont Restaurant Surplus.—The accounts of the Pierremont Restaurant, Broadstairs, for the four weeks ended 8th May showed a surplus carried to the net revenue account of £21 1s. 1d. The cook-supervisor is to be paid a bonus at the rate of 5s. a week as long as the weekly average of meals is over 900.

Old Comrades' Whist.—Mr. R. Lawrence was M.C. at the weekly whist drive of the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association held at the Clarendon Hotel. Mrs. Pointer distributed the prizes to Miss Jenkins, Mrs. Bullard, Mrs. Mannering, Mrs. Goldsack, Mrs. Merrick, Mrs. Philpot and Gnr. Rigler.

Funeral of Mrs. F. Goddard.—The funeral took place at St. Peter's on Tuesday of Mrs. Florence Goddard, who was found dead in her home, the lower flat of 23 Magdala-road, St. Peter's, by the occupier of the upper flat. Mrs. Goddard had been in failing health for some time and she was 73 years of age. The Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith (priest-in-charge) officiated at the funeral.

Blessing the Crops.—Mr. W. Lyon, of Elmwood Farm, led a procession from St. Peter's Church to his fields following evensong on Rogation Sunday and, before a large crowd, the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith (priest-in-charge) conducted the service of the blessing of the crops. A similar service was held at Callis Grange Farm on Tuesday. Special prayers were also offered at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, on Rogation Sunday, when the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey) preached at all the services.

NEW POST

FOR EX-POLICE INSPECTOR

It is understood that Ramsgate Town Council, meeting in committee following the monthly Council meeting on Thursday, approved a recommendation of the Watch Committee appointing Mr. E. H. Swendell as temporary Shops Act Inspector at a salary of £208 a year.

The Watch Committee in their report, stated that Mr. Swendell, who recently retired from the position of inspector in Ramsgate Police Force, would also, during the period of the war, carry out additional duties for the Corporation, for which his experience was appropriate.

When the report came before open council, Councillor S. E. Austin moved the deletion of the recommendation. In his view, having regard to the reduced number of shops in the town, the appointment was entirely unnecessary at the present time. The work could easily be carried out by a part-time official or even in an honorary capacity. It was said that the appointment was a temporary one but they all knew that if it were once made it would be for all time.

Seconding the amendment, Councillor J. B. Butler said it was time they stopped giving jobs to ex-officials. The work might well be carried out by a disabled ex-serviceman.

Councillor H. Farmer said the job was a complicated one and could only be carried out by someone with a knowledge of the law. In addition it was proposed that Mr. Swendell should also carry out other work formerly performed by the police but which they were now no longer in a position to do.

Councillor Butler intervened to ask what were these other jobs.

On the suggestion of the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) it was decided to refer the matter to Council in committee in order that a full statement could be made.

MARGATE POLICE TALENT

RAMSGATE COLLEAGUES ENTERTAINED

Old-fashioned melodrama, complete with black-hearted squire, impoverished tenants, expired mortgage, beautiful daughter and gallant hero, was seen on the stage of St. George's Parish Hall, Ramsgate, on Thursday.

"Foiled Again" or "Pipped at the Post," so deeply moving that it made a first-rate comedy, was the highlight of a sparkling concert given by the dramatic society of the Margate Division, Kent County Constabulary, to members of the Ramsgate Division, their wives and friends.

In presenting the entertainment the Margate police, with a company which included four policewomen, threw out an unspoken challenge to their Ramsgate colleagues to form a party of their own. If the Ramsgate guardians of the law follow the example, as it is hoped that in due course they will, they will have to aim at a high standard to produce talent as good as they saw on Thursday. Indeed, for an amateur party which has only been running since the beginning of the year—they gave their first show at a children's party on New Year's day—the concert was brilliant.

W/R Angell can claim a large share of credit. Not only did he produce the show, write the sketches and monologues, but he also compered the entertainment and put over an odd ode, written by himself, and recited in the Cyril Fletcher style.

Villains Hissed.

In the two playlets—the melodrama and the sensational trial of Adolphus Aubrey Jones for bigamy—the party made the utmost use of their rather limited stage facilities. It was surprising that P/C Day, the hero of "Foiled Again," did not throw Squire Jasper Scrooge into the auditorium when, in the climax of the sketch, he gave the rascal a thrashing he thoroughly deserved. The joint villains of the piece, D/C Lilliott as the squire, and P/C Terry as Roger Black, were well and truly hissed by an audience which entered into the spirit of the pseudo-drama.

Undoubtedly the funniest of the parts was played by P/C Brisley, as the village constable, and we can only hope that he performs his duties in real life in more orthodox form. He played the ignorant rural copper typical, fortunately, only in fiction, and the audience roared with laughter at his methods of investigating the filthy deeds of the squire. With a pencil nearly as big as himself and a notebook the size of a pocket diary he made a thorough mess of the job and, when all ended happily, told the company that he "hadn't got nothing wrote down."

W/A/P/C Blakeney was a very sweet Sue, the apple of the squire's eye, and W/A/P/C Lanchbery cut a suitably tragic figure as her mother, while P/C Stace, as the father, demonstrated in practical form that drink was the cause of their poverty. W/A/P/C Attwood played well in the part of the village maiden, Betty, a prototype of "Little Nell."

His Three Wives.

There was nothing dramatic about the bigamy trial, in fact it was great fun all through. W/A/P/Cs Attwood, Taylor and Blakeney, as the "wives," offered the judge (D/S Presland) their respective opinions—which were by no means high—of the polygamous defendant (D/C Lilliott). All had married him because they thought he would be handy about the house, and evidently the judge thought so, too, for instead of sending him to prison he engaged him as a servant.

The sketch finished with an hilarious scene in which the defendant, wearing clothes belonging to his "wives," was systematically divested of them until a "black-out" ended his embarrassment. P/C Day again shone in this sketch as the court usher and other parts were played by P/C Brisley (clerk), P/C Stace (solicitor) and W/A/P/C Lanchbery, P/C Terry and Mrs. Lilliott (jury).

The show was well dressed, particularly in the colourful number "Tell me, pretty maiden," an old English setting presented by W/A/P/Cs Lanchbery, Attwood, Blakeney and Taylor, P/Cs Brisley, Stace and Day, and D/C Lilliott. W/A/P/C Blakeney and D/C Lilliott were a couple of charming country lovers in that old favourite "Sarah and Henry," and the former joined W/A/P/Cs Taylor and Attwood in a sprightly song and dance number "Just around the corner."

A Policeman's Lot.

Few songs go down better or give such scope for powers of expression in an entertainment like this as "The bold gendarmes." Dressed somewhat unconventionally — their helmet badges were startling—D/S Presland, D/C Lilliott and P/Cs Brisley, Day, Terry and Stace sang this lilting, humorous song and followed up with "A policeman's lot." The lighter part of the programme was completed with songs by P/C Day and P/C Brisley, and, to add a serious touch W/A/P/C Attwood and P/C Stace presented a moving and topical duologue.

Among the audience were the Asst. Chief Constable of No. 4 District (Mr. W. Palmer) and C/Is Butcher (Ramsgate) and Fleet (Margate).

At the close of the show C/I Butcher thanked the artistes and all who had assisted in making the entertainment possible. He hoped it was the forerunner of many more concerts and that the Ramsgate Division would get a concert party together next winter. The talent displayed by the Margate party was very fine and did a lot of good both inside and outside the police service.

"If this is an example of what the police merger brings forth, then the merger has done a tremendous amount of good already," he said. If this is the beginning, then we are in for a grand future. These social events help in our official duties and we can go forward with confidence to the difficult times which may lie ahead."

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Third Escape from Death

LUCKIEST MAN ALIVE

SGT. JETTEN'S AMAZING ADVENTURES

A Ramsgate man, Sgt. Maurice Raymond Jetten, Royal Marines, was one of only two survivors when two naval landing barges were sunk during a terrific gale off the Welsh coast on 25th April.

Sgt. Jetten, who is only 23 years of age and has already served in the Marines for nine years, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jetten, who resided for a number of years at 129 Hereson-road. Mr. Jetten was employed by H.M. Customs and Excise at Ramsgate from 1922 to 1940, and is now living at Anstruther, Fifeshire, where he has been sent on detached duty, but he hopes soon to return to Ramsgate.

Eighty-one naval and Marine ratings lost their lives in the disaster and Sgt. Jetten, following his amazing escape, considers himself one of the luckiest men alive.

He is 6ft. 1in. in height and must be a powerful swimmer for in his letter to his father, written from a naval hospital where he was recuperating, he told of being eight hours in the water. He does not know how he negotiated the rocks to get ashore.

This is Sgt. Jetten's third narrow escape from death, the last occasion being when he was serving in a light cruiser, in the famous Malta convoy. Although badly bombed and torpedoed, his ship managed to make port, but all his belongings were destroyed by fire.

An old boy of Hereson School, he served under Adml. Vian in the glorious action off North Cape, Norway, at Spitzbergen, the Lofoten Islands and in convoys to Russia. When only a bugler boy he was awarded the Palestine Medal. His father is also an old Marine.

SPECIAL IN TWO WARS

SGT. W. H. JACOBSEN RESIGNS

Ramsgate's oldest Special Constable, Sgt. William Henry Jacobsen, has resigned from the force at the age of 71 years.

Sgt. Jacobsen has done duty in two wars and altogether has been a member of the force for 29 years.

To fill the vacancy in the establishment of the specials, S/C Alec Fearn has been promoted sergeant.

Sgt. Jacobsen joined Ramsgate Special Constabulary in October, 1914, and was awarded the Long Service Medal for three years continuous service in war-time. He rose to the rank of sergeant and at the end of the war was acting inspector. He was called on to do duty during the coke riots and again took up active service with the specials in 1937. He is eligible for the first, second and third bars to his Long Service Medal and application for them has been made to the Home Office.

Throughout his term of service with the specials, Sgt. Jacobsen has resided at 27 La Belle Alliance-square, although the area has suffered heavily from enemy action during the present war.

Sgt. Fearn, who joined the Special Constabulary in 1937, has been recommended for the Long Service Medal. He is a good rifle shot and a prominent member of the police rifle team.

FUNERAL OF MRS. F. CORNFORD

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery, last week, of Mrs. Fanny Cornford, who passed away the previous Friday at the age of 88 years.

Mrs. Cornford was the widow of Mr. David Cornford, who died eight years ago and who was, for many years, horse-keeper at Messrs. Tomson and Wotton's brewery.

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Steed, and floral tributes were received from: Rose, Fred and Joan; Hilda; brother Alfred and family; Kate and Ethel (Whitstable); Harry, Dora and family (Canada); Edie and Burt (Orpington); relatives at Minnis Bay; Mr. S. W. Smith; Mrs. E. Harding (Ilford); the directors of Messrs. Tomson and Wotton; Mr. and Mrs. Goldfinch; two old friends; her old friend "Minnie"; Mr. and Mrs. F. Wraight; Mrs. Freeman (Minster); Mr. J. Woodward.

Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate, was the undertaker.

C.E.M.A. CONCERT

Another of the popular C.E.M.A. concerts is to be given at the Congregational Hall, Ramsgate, on Thursday, 17th June.

Those taking part will be Tatiana Makushina, soprano, Sybil Eaton, violin and Marie Korchinska, harp.

Tickets are priced 1s. 6d. and 1s., with half-prices for members of H.M. Forces, and children accompanied by adults.

IN PROHIBITED AREA

Margate magistrates on Wednesday dismissed a case in which a husband and wife, Charles Pugh and Kathleen Pugh, of Northwood-road, Ramsgate, were summoned for being in a prohibited area at Margate on 16th May.

P/C Balaam said there was a notice at the spot prohibiting entry.

Charles Pugh said he saw 20 or 30 other people at the spot so he thought it was all right to go there.

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ABSOLUTE MINIMUM

LABOUR SHORTAGE IN RAMSGATE

The report of the Works Committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, stated that the Borough Engineer had reviewed the local labour situation particularly in relation to the Works department, which was discussed at a recent regional conference attended by him.

The effect of the policy pursued by appropriate Governmental departments during the past 12 months had been to denude the town of labour normally available for use by the local authority and contractors to such an extent that it had now been generally agreed that an absolute minimum had been reached.

In this connection the Borough Engineer reminded the committee of his own inability, through labour shortage, to carry out the programme of works on district roads for which provision was made in the Council's estimates for the financial year ended 31st March, 1943, and the difficulty he anticipated in fulfilling a similar programme for the current year.

After hearing the Borough Engineer's report, the committee were of the opinion that any further transfers of labour from this area would have serious consequences, both to the local authority and contractors alike, and would be against the general interests of the community.

The committee recommended that this view should be conveyed officially to the appropriate Government departments.

The Council approved the recommendation.

ALL LAUGHTER

LAUREL AND HARDY AT ODEON

Two stars of radio fame, Harry Korris and Robby Vincent (Enoch), and the veteran comedians Laurel and Hardy feature in the programmes at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

"Somewhere on Leave," the main film to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow, presents Harry Korris, Frank Randle, Dan Young and Robby Vincent in a story that gives the four fun-makers plenty of scope for their talent. It is a romance with a topical touch for it tells of two lovers who meet while serving on a gun site. A highlight of the film is a mansion party in which the comedy quartette make merry with a group of land girls. The gay production "Give Out, Sisters," which is also being shown, stars the famous Andrews Sisters.

Laurel and Hardy are to be seen for the last three days of the week in "A-Haunting We Will Go," a riot of murder, mirth and magic. The ingeniously irresponsible story tells how Stan and Ollie become the dupes of crooks who hire them to accompany a "corpse" across country. The way their coffin is accidentally substituted for another belonging to a travelling magician makes for first-rate comedy. Their antics are supplemented by Dante the Magician, whose amazing conjuring feats introduce intriguing novelty. As a contrast, "Madame Spy," the supporting film, is a tense drama, featuring Constance Bennett and Don Porter.

PADDER TENNIS

RAMSGATE WINS CUP

By defeating East Sussex in the final, a Ramsgate Civil Defence team comprising Sgt. D. L. Brown, A.R.P. Officer, and Miss R. G. Acott, ambulance driver, won the Regional Commissioner's cup for padder tennis at Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday.

Teams representing the National Fire Service and Civil Defence services competed last week when Sgt. Brown and Miss Acott emerged county winners.

In the regional finals East Sussex beat West Sussex and in the final Sgt. Brown and Miss Acott, representing Kent, defeated East Sussex by six games to four.

As the South-East Region representatives the Ramsgate pair will meet a pair from the London Region at the Central Hall, Westminster, on Saturday.

Absentee Miner

RAMSGATE MAN FINED £6

Thomas G. E. Preece, a Chislet Colliery miner, of Newington-road, Ramsgate, was fined £6, with £2 2s. costs, at St. Augustine's Sessions, Canterbury, on Wednesday, for absenting himself from work without reasonable cause on three specified dates in February.

His excuse was that he had had to stay away because of illness, but Mr. H. W. S. Homewood, for the Ministry of Fuel and Power, said that although defendant had complained that he was suffering from constipation, he had not produced any doctor's certificate to bear out that statement.

PRISONER IN MALAYA

NEWS OF RAMSGATE CYCLIST

Dvr. Leslie Thomas Stokes, R.A.S.C., of 5 Upper Dumpton Park-road, Ramsgate, of whom no news had been received for over 15 months, is now known to be a prisoner in Japanese hands.

On Tuesday, the day after Leslie's 27th birthday, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stokes, were informed that he is at a prison camp in Malaya.

Dvr. Stokes, who is an old boy of Ellington School, was employed by Mr. F. W. Salcombe, fruiterer, of Chatham-street, Ramsgate, for about four years and then left for work in London. He joined the R.A.S.C. three years ago.

Well known locally as a racing cyclist, he was a member of Ramsgate Wheelers' Club and won many medals and prizes. On moving to London he joined the Ealing Cycling Club.

Mrs. Stokes' elder son, Robert Brissenden, is serving in the Navy as a petty officer. His father was lost on Scott's expedition to the South Pole.

Mr. J. Stokes is a Ramsgate warden.

RAID SPOTTERS' CLUB

RAMSGATE'S NEW VENTURE

It was unanimously decided, at a well-attended meeting held at Civil Defence Headquarters, 48 Effingham-street, Ramsgate, on Monday, to form a Raid Spotters' Club.

The meeting was sponsored by the Ministry of Home Security, through the Regional Office, and was attended by representatives of commercial interests, public utility undertakings, police, National Fire Service and Civil Defence.

The objects of spotters' clubs were outlined by the Regional Raid Spotter and a representative of the Southern Railway.

Officers elected were: president, C/I H. G. Butcher; vice-president, Mr. S. W. Smith; chairman, Mr. F. Porritt; secretary, Sgt. D. L. Brown; assistant secretary, Head Warden Webb; training officer, Mr. French; treasurer, Mr. S. Dadds; committee, Coy.-Off. P. Pritchard, P/C Ebbsworth and Messrs. A. S. Bishop and Whiting.

Meetings are to be held once a fortnight, beginning on Friday at 6.30 p.m., at Civil Defence Headquarters and a welcome is extended to all people interested.

HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS FUND

During May the Ramsgate General Hospital Extensions Fund was increased by £37 18s. 6d. to a total of £10,969 3s. 4d.

The donations included: pupils of the Convent of the Assumption (at Hereford), £1 1s.; Miss I. S. Quick ("for the splendid war news"), £1; Mr. G. W. Simmers (Welcombe), 10s. 6d.; Mrs. M. Hicks (Maidenhead), 10s.; Miss C. M. Dare (Blackpool), 5s.; J.A.F., 2s.

Deposits amounting to £265 were made in the Post Office savings bank —£160 of this being in Ramsgate Wings for Victory Week.

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Except by licence, supplies to any premises of fuels in this group may not exceed a total of 1 ton per month and no supplies may be acquired which would raise the total stock of these fuels at any premises above 4 tons.

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The following fuels are not subject to any restrictions as to quantity:

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Except under a licence from the Local Fuel Overseer, it is an offence against the Defence Regulations to exceed the quantities specified or to obtain any of these fuels otherwise than from your registered supplier.

Consumers are reminded that the above quantities are maximum quantities and not rations to which they are entitled. The quantity that can be delivered to any premises depends on the state of local supply.

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CATCHING THE COUNCIL'S EAR

CIVIL DEFENCE REPRESENTATIONS

Ramsgate Town Council have decided to set up machinery whereby members of Civil Defence services can make representations to the officer in charge, or, if necessary, to the local authority.

The report of the Civil Defence Committee presented at a meeting of the Council on Thursday, stated that the Sub-Controller (C/I H. G. Butcher) had directed the committee's attention to the need, in his view, for a definitely recognised procedure by which representations could be made by or on behalf of any member of the C.D. services.

"While it is a fact that in the past," states the report, "representations have from time to time been made to the Council by a local association to which members of the C.D. services belong, no procedure has been laid down whereby the local authority can receive such representations as may be necessary on questions affecting conditions of service from C.D. personnel as a whole."

In the circumstances, continued the report, the committee welcomed the suggestion of the Sub-Controller and recommended that a sub-committee consisting of Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, Alderman A. E. Petley and Councillor Dr. D. P. Crawford be appointed with executive powers to implement the proposal.

At Thursday's meeting an amendment to delete from the report the words "executive powers" was carried by 12 votes to nine.

Councillor Harcourt Samuel, chairman of the Civil Defence Committee, said the sub-committee would deal with promotion within the Civil Defence services and it was the view of the committee and of the Sub-Controller that it would lead to greater efficiency and harmony.

On behalf of those supporting the amendment it was urged that it was a dangerous principle to give executive powers to such a small sub-committee.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. R. DRAYSON

When the funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Thursday of Mr. John Richard Drayson, of 69 Boundary-road, Ramsgate, whose death was reported in our last issue, the committal service was conducted by the Rev. C. D. Mayhew.

The chief mourners were the widow, Miss Drayson (daughter), Mrs. S. Drayson, Mrs. Montague and Mrs. Pitcher.

The beautiful floral tributes included those from: the widow; daughter; Mr. and Mrs. W. Stanner; Mrs. R. Montague; Percy and Polly (Ash); Mrs. Pitcher; Vic; Valerie; Mrs. Wanstall and Mr. Sackett; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Butcher; Uncle Bill, Reg and Nell; Steve and Ethel; Mr. and Mrs. Watts; Mr. and Mrs. Goodbourn and family; George Dines; Mr. and Mrs. W. Mills; Mrs. and Miss Gore; A. V. Clark; Mr. and Mrs. G. Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Warden and family; Mr. and Mrs. Britcher and Ern; neighbours and friends; Mr. and Mrs. Castle; National Federation of Newsagents; manageress and staff of Ramsgate branch of Messrs. F. W. Woolworth and Co.; Danny and his boys (to their late employer); Messrs. Clark and Co.

The undertaker was Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

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RAMSGATE APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) announced at Thursday's meeting of Ramsgate Town Council that he had appointed Councillor G. W. Twigger as his deputy in place of Alderman T. W. Mockridge who, owing to ill-health, has resigned his seat on the aldermanic bench.

Alderman Kempe also announced that he had appointed the Rev. J. H. Roundhill, Vicar of St. Lawrence, as his chaplain in place of the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, who has left the district.

Mr. Roundhill followed the custom of opening the meeting with prayer.

The Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis) read a letter from Alderman Mockridge in which he stated that acting on medical advice he found it necessary to ask him to place his resignation before the Council. It was a matter of great regret that he was compelled to take this step after more than 16 years' membership of the Council and at a time when they should be giving their utmost in service. He wished to thank the members of the Council and the officials for the help which they had always extended to him.

The Town Clerk read a further letter written by Alderman Mockridge to the Mayor in which he stated that he did not think it would be right for him to remain on the Council as a passenger.

The Mayor said it was with great regret that they accepted Alderman Mockridge's resignation. He had done great service to the Council and the town. In addition to his work in connection with the British restaurants he had been chairman of the Parks and Gardens Committee and he made a good job of everything he did. They hoped he would be fully restored to health and that he might once again come back and join them.

The Mayor said Alderman Mockridge's resignation left vacant the position of Deputy Mayor. He knew the resignation was coming and he had been thinking who, of the senior members of the Council, he could appoint. He had appointed a man of great capability—Councillor Twigger.

The announcement was greeted with applause and Councillor Twigger took his seat beside the Mayor.

4th (THANET) CADET BATT. THE BUFFS

Commanding Officer: Capt. H. D. Rose. Battalion headquarters: 27 Harbour-street, Ramsgate.

Orders for the week commencing 6th June.

Part 1—parades.

Sunday.—All companies at respective H.Qs. A and B Coys. at 14 hrs. and C Coy. at 10.00 hrs.

Monday.—B Coy. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme. Broadstairs Platoon, voluntary P.T.

Tuesday.—Broadstairs Platoon at 18.30 hrs. A and C Coys. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Wednesday.—A and B Coys. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Thursday.—Broadstairs Platoon at 18.30 hrs. C Coy. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Part 2.

Promotion.—2/Lt. R. Cornelious to be A/Lt. and in command of C Coy. (Westgate). 1-6-43.

Appointments.—Messrs. Oliver Jones and Edward H. Swendell to be 2/Lts. and attached to A Coy. (Ramsgate). 30-5-43. Mr. W. Hoare to be 2/Lt. and attached to C Coy. (Westgate). 30-5-43.

HOME GUARD FINED

Failed to Attend Parades

FIRST THANET PROSECUTION

A member of the Southern Railway Home Guard, who admitted that he had attended only three parades since he volunteered for service with the old L.D.Vs in March, 1941, James G. Laming, of Buckingham-road, Margate, appeared before the magistrates at Margate police court on Wednesday.

Laming, who was represented by Mr. A. R. Young, pleaded not guilty to two summonses under the Home Guard Regulations for failing to attend parades on 22nd February and 8th March.

After the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford) had announced that defendant would be fined 10s. on each summons, Mr. Young said an appeal against the decision of the bench would be considered.

Mr. E. R. G. Weale, who prosecuted, said Laming enrolled with the Local Defence Volunteers at Ramsgate on 26th March, 1941, but in November of last year he was transferred from Ramsgate to a Margate platoon. Defendant attended no parades during November, January or February and a notice was served on him by Lt. Young ordering him to attend parades at 7 p.m. on 15th and 22nd February and 1st and 8th March. Platoon parades were held weekly and lasted for two hours.

Irksome Hours.

They knew, said Mr. Weale, that railwaymen had irksome hours but the other members of the platoon, most of whom were railwaymen, attended Home Guard parades with a fair degree of regularity. Defendant failed to attend the parades as ordered and a registered letter was sent him asking for an explanation.

In his reply defendant said his turn of duty did not permit him to attend the parades.

According to defendant's statement, continued Mr. Weale, he went on duty at 3 p.m. on 15th February, and therefore could not attend a parade on that day. On 22nd February he went on duty at 5.40 a.m. He would therefore have come off duty at about 1.40 p.m. and there was no reason, in the opinion of the prosecution, why he could not have attended a parade that day. On 1st March he went on duty at 5 p.m. and could not have attended a parade, but on 8th March he went on at 4 a.m. and would have come off duty at noon. The prosecution accepted defendant's explanation in respect of 15th February and 1st March.

Might Spread Disaffection.

Mr. Weale said there were other men performing similar types of duty to defendant who attended parades and it was most unfair to them that defendant should not attend when his duties permitted. There was a danger that it might spread disaffection among the other men.

Lt. George Frank Young, commanding No. 2 Platoon, "H" Coy., 1st Southern Railway Battalion, Home Guard, said Laming was a member of his platoon but had never attended a parade since being transferred from Ramsgate.

Witness, who gave evidence in support of Mr. Weale's statement, said he worked similar hours to defendant but he had no difficulty in attending parades.

Cross-examined by Mr. Young, witness said he was a clerk. Two men ind his platoon, including the defendant, worked on the footplate. Defendant was a fireman on main line passenger express trains and he did not consider it would adversely affect him in his work on the railway if he attended parades when his turn of duty permitted.

Thomas Frederick Belsey, loco foreman at Ramsgate, gave details of the hours worked by defendant, and D/C Wren said defendant told him his hours prevented him from attending parades.

Wanted to Resign.

In evidence Laming said he was 32 years of age and was employed as a fireman on passenger trains. On the morning of 23rd February he was on duty at 5.40 and he left Margate on his motor cycle to go to Ramsgate at 5.25 having got up an hour previously. If he had been on parade between 7 and 9 p.m. the previous evening he would not, in his opinion, have had a reasonable amount of sleep to enable him to be alert in carrying out his duties.

Defendant said he had attended only three parades since he had been in the Home Guard. When service in the Home Guard became compulsory he asked if he could resign but was told that if he did so he would afterwards be conscripted. After he had finished his work he was not fit to attend parades.

Mr. Weale pointed out that defendant could not have wished to resign because Home Guard duties interfered with his work for he had admitted that he had attended only three parades.

When it was suggested that on the day of his parade defendant could have slept both before and after attending, Laming said he did not agree with broken sleep.

Drove in Blitz.

Addressing the magistrates, Mr. Young said defendant's case was that four hours' sleep was not enough for him and it was not adequate if he was to perform his duties on the railway efficiently. The bench were dealing not only with one man but 66,000 other railwaymen who were similarly placed. Defendant had shown his willingness to serve his country by volunteering for service at a time when he was driving in the London blitz and he considered that if he had resigned when the opportunity arose he would not have been conscripted owing to the nature of his duties.

"Personally I, cannot imagine a case less suitable than this upon which to base a prosecution alleging, in effect, that a man had deliberately shirked his duty to train to defend his country," said Mr. Young.

Announcing the decision of the bench, the Mayor said the magistrates had come to the conclusion that the excuse put forward by the defendant was not reasonable. As it was the first case of its kind to come before the court the penalty—10s. on each summons—was small. Defendant would also have to pay £1 1s. costs.

SIX SHOT DOWN

Fighters Take Revenge

CASUALTIES IN COAST TOWN RAID

A church, a mission hall, shops and private houses were damaged during a hit-and-run raid on a south-east coast town during daylight on Tuesday.

The enemy sent over a force of 12 bomb-carrying Focke-Wulf 190s and 50 per cent. of the raiding force was shot down—the heaviest penalty so far suffered by the Luftwaffe during this type of attack on coastal towns.

Anti-aircraft gunners hit one of the raiders as it approached the coast. It dropped its bombs but a few seconds later the pilot was dead and the machine a mass of wreckage strewn near a golf links.

As the remainder of the raiders turned and sped for home, R.A.F. Typhoon fighters were on their tails and shot down five.

As a result of the raid, damage was fairly widespread and a number of casualties proved fatal.

For hours rescue parties, who received valuable help from soldiers, toiled among the debris in search of victims. For 24 hours continuously one party searched for an elderly man and his wife, but only traces of them were found.

On every hand tribute was paid to the efficiency of the members of the Civil Defence services and the courage and fortitude of the injured and those who lost their homes.

The raiders came in at such a low level that people in the streets saw the bombs coming down and the markings on the wings of the machines.

Exploded Near Altar.

The roof and one wall of a church were demolished by a bomb which, before exploding near the altar, passed through the roof of an unoccupied boarding house and jumped over some smaller houses. The tower at the west end of the church remained standing. Stained-glass from the windows of the church was blown into houses on the opposite side of the road.

Close to the church is an infants' school. Windows and doors were burst in by blast but fortunately the children were away having dinner at the time of the raid.

One bomb passed through the roof of a school building, then through a house and bounced twice on the roadway before striking some other houses.

In the house through which the bomb passed Mr. J. H. Larkin was in the sitting-room, while his two sisters, Miss Ellen Larkin, a school teacher, and Miss Elizabeth Larkin, a dressmaker, were washing-up after dinner. Ceilings fell on them but none of them was hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Baldry and their grandchild, aged four, had a narrow escape when the windows of their shop were blown in and the ceilings collapsed. They crouched down near the counter and Mr. Baldry, who received cuts on the arm, was the only one injured.

What the Parrots Said.

Mrs. Dadds, who lived above the shop, had returned to the town only ten days previously. When the raiders came over she was in her son's shop next door and sheltered under the stairs.

When she returned to her home Mrs. Dadds found her two parrots uninjured. One was saying "Oh, mother," and when Mrs. Dadds asked the other what Jerry had done he laughed and replied "Pop, pop, pop."

Nine people were buried when three houses in the vicinity were demolished. Among the first to be rescued were Mrs. Lily de Bock and her 15-year-old daughter Joyce, who were living over an empty shop. Mrs. de Bock was detained in hospital but the daughter sustained only slight injuries.

Aged 45, Mrs. Amy Wellman, whose husband, a Corporation employee, died only a fortnight previously, was killed while on a visit to the home of her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Garland. The house collapsed and both Mr. and Mrs. Garland were seriously injured.

Asleep in bed upstairs, Mr. Jock Ross, fireman and night watchman at an amusement centre, woke to find himself, still in bed, going down with the house. He scrambled out, almost unhurt. His wife, who was trapped in a chair, was rescued, uninjured, half an hour later. Mrs. Ross had been sitting in a chair in the kitchen when the door fell on top of her and prevented her from being crushed to death by debris.

Wall on His Back.

Among those who experienced lucky escapes were Mr. William George Woodward, a plasterer, and Mr. Henry Pilcher, his mate.

When they heard a plane overhead they were working in a builder's yard at the rear of one of the demolished houses. The explosion of a bomb dazed them and when Mr. Woodward regained his senses he found that part of a wall was lying on his back. Neither of them heard the bomb explode and Mr. Woodward thinks they must have lain there for about ten minutes before they were able to crawl out of the debris.

Taken to hospital, Mr. Pilcher was detained with a back injury and Mr. Woodward was treated at a first-aid post for cuts on the face. The former's daughter and her husband, home on leave from the R.A.F., were both slightly injured when their home, not far from where Mr. Pilcher was working, was damaged by blast.

Rescue workers and soldiers searched throughout the night and during most of the next day for Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Denchfield, who are missing, and evidence was found that they lost their lives when their house was demolished. Mr. Denchfield, a disabled veteran of the last war, formerly worked as a billposter.

In one of the main streets several shops, including a men's outfitter's and a draper's, were demolished, but they were closed as it was lunch-hour.

Three Killed in Flat.

Above the outfitter's shop three people occupying a flat were killed. They were Mrs. Annie Beatrice Saunders, aged 69, Mr. Frank Cousins Coppin (41) and Mrs. Katherine Mary Butt (75). Although the body of Mrs. Butt was recovered during the afternoon, rescue workers worked until late at night with the aid of lamps to find the others. They also recovered the body of Mrs. Ada Barron (63), whose home at the back of the shops was also destroyed.

In an attempt to trace the spot where the victims were buried a casualty detector unit was brought into use during the afternoon. The apparatus consists of a number of powerful loudspeakers which are placed over parts of the debris and connected by cable to a transmitting and receiver set in a van. A message sent to the trapped people penetrates through the debris and they are asked to knock on something hard if they can. Any response is picked up by the microphones but in this case not a sound was heard.

The rescuers were therefore faced by a formidable task for tons of wreckage were removed piece by piece.

Diving under a table when they heard the explosion of a bomb saved Mrs. Morley, her daughter Eileen and her son Leslie from serious injury. They were having dinner in the kitchen at the rear of their shop when the bomb fell, rocking the building. Leslie, who is seven, ducked under the table, but Eileen, aged 12, started to run into the shop. Mrs. Morley pulled her back and they all got under the table. "The next thing we knew was that stuff was falling all round us," said Mrs. Morley later. She sustained a cut hand and Eileen a cut head.

John Gadsden (17), who was behind the shop counter, dived under the counter when he heard a bang and saw a flash. A jar of jam came down on his shoulder and, with his head cut he attempted to push his way out until assistance came.

Councillor Victim.

Mr. William Robert Frederick Avery, who was co-opted a member of the local council only three weeks ago, was among the fatalities. When the bombs began to fall in the vicinity of the shops he ran for shelter into one of the buildings and the exertion caused him to collapse through heart failure. He died a few minutes later. Aged 68, Mr. Avery was a member of the local savings committee and had been assisting in arrangements for a forthcoming Wings for Victory exhibition.

In another part of the town a cinema damaged in two previous raids and temporarily repaired, received a direct hit for the third time. A number of premises were damaged in this area which mainly comprises hotels and boarding houses which have been closed. One building caught fire and the upper storey was quickly enveloped in flames but firemen soon extinguished the outbreak.

Extensive damage was done in a part of the town where a mission hall and three unoccupied houses were demolished. A builder's workshop was also severely damaged.

Narrow Escape.

Although the front room of their house was wrecked, Mrs. Whitmore and Miss Best, who live opposite the mission hall, were unhurt. They were listening to the B.B.C. news when the planes came over, and ran into the kitchen with the idea of going to their dug-out. Before they could open the back door, however, a bomb fell opposite the house, blowing in the front door and demolishing the room they had just left.

Fifteen-year-old Bernard Collard Evans, a butcher's errand boy, was cycling past the house when he was thrown from his machine by the explosion and died shortly afterwards.

One bomb knocked off a corner of the roof of an inland revenue office, fell on a bowling green, bounced over the surrounding fence and back gardens of about six houses before exploding in a milk shop which had closed for the lunch-hour. Part of the bowling green was torn up and a fin of the bomb was left on the grass, but some of the rinks are still useable. One woman was slightly cut by the debris when the bomb exploded.

Corporation greenhouses, damaged in an earlier raid and later repaired, were shattered by another bomb which fell by some tennis courts in a public park.

GERMAN RADIO CLAIM

A report broadcast by the German radio stations claims that their aircraft attacked installations at Margate on Tuesday and that one failed to return.

Heavily Gunned

ATTACK ON SECOND TOWN

While bombs were being dropped in the adjoining town a second town was subjected to heavy machine- and cannon-gunning from a number of low-flying raiders.

Fortunately damage was only slight and there were no casualties, few people being in the streets at the time.

A number of children in the playground of a school, part of which is used as a British restaurant, ran to take shelter as the raiders tore over with their guns blazing. The only damage to the school was to a rainpipe, part of which was shot away.

One small fire was started but was quickly dealt with by the National Fire Service.

In the main street a hanging sign outside an hotel was hit by a bullet, which left its mark where it richocheted off the wall.

The roofs of a number of houses were damaged by bullets and cannon-gun shells.

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WINGS FOR VICTORY

BROADSTAIRS PREPARES FOR BIG EFFORT

Arrangements are well in hand for the Wings for Victory Week to be held in Broadstairs and St. Peter's from 26th June to 3rd July.

More than 300 letters have been sent to local residents and to persons and firms carrying on business in the town appealing to them to invest to the utmost of their ability during the week. At the same time those people who have temporarily evacuated from the town have not been overlooked, for similar letters have been sent to approximately 140 of them. These leters are intended to enlist the support of the "big" investors, but the small saver has not been forgotten. The street group secretaries have adopted a target of £1,000 and they are distributing appeals from the Chairman of the Council (Councillor H. Noble) to all the people in the areas of their groups.

Subject to his duties permitting him to do so, Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P., Under-Secretary of State for Air, will open the week on Saturday, 26th June, at 3 p.m., at Broadstairs Picture House. A number of local men who are members of the R.A.F. and who have been decorated for gallantry will support Capt. Balfour at the opening ceremony. These will include Flg.-Off. J. S. Boucher, D.F.M., and Flg.-Off. P. A. Tanton, D.F.M. It is also hoped that Sqdn.-Ldr. D. B. Pearson, who was recently awarded the D.F.C., will be present.

Immediately before the opening ceremony a procession, which will include units from the local A.T.C. and A.C.C., will proceed from St. Peter's to the Picture House and Capt. Balfour will take the salute as the procession passes Pierremont Hall.

Military Sports.

On the afternoon and evening of Saturday, 26th June, military sports are being held on the Stone House playing fields, Lanthorne-road, and a local military unit have organised a dance to be held at Bohemia the same night.

A squadron parade of the A.T.C. will take place on Sunday morning.

An event of considerable interest to parents will be a baby show to be held in the Pierremont pleasure grounds on Wednesday, 30th June. This show is being organised by the Brighter Broadstairs League, who are also holding a whist drive at St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Reading Street, on 29th June, and are running children's sports in St. Peter's recreation ground on Saturday, 3rd July. The events of the week will be concluded with a dance at Bohemia on Saturday, 3rd July, when it is hoped to be able to announce that the target for the week has been reached and exceeded.

Throughout the week a Wings for Victory exhibition, which is being organised by the local wardens' service, will be held in the Pavilion, Garden-on-the-Sands. This exhibition will include a display of photographs of local men and women who are serving in the forces. Photographs to be included in this display may be handed to any street group secretary, Mr. Brown, of 4 Church-street, St. Peter's, or the Civil Defence Headquarters, 69 High-street, Broadstairs. All photographs will be returned at the close of the exhibition. An interesting feature of the exhibition will be an economy cake competition which is being organised by the W.V.S. and which will be judged on the afternoon of Thursday, 1st July. After the judging there will be a sale by auction of cakes.

Over 30 entries have been received for the model aircraft competition.

COUNCIL NOT TO BUY

As the Minister of Health has declined to sanction the borrowing of £502 for the purchase of the site of Bellevue-cottages clearance area, on the ground that it is not reasonably required for the execution of a first year post-war housing programme, the Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) has been requested by Ramsgate Town Council to submit proposals regarding restrictions and conditions, if any, which might be imposed in connection with the future use of the site.

PENALISED BY VOLUNTEERING

COUNCIL PROTEST ON BEHALF OF POLICE

If the Standing Joint Committee of the Kent County Constabulary refuse the request of Ramsgate Town Council to reconsider their decision members of the old Ramsgate Borough Police Force who have volunteered for service with H.M. Forces will lose from 7s. 6d. to 15s. a week.

The report of the Watch Committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, stated that a letter was submitted from the Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee intimating that the Joint Police Authority had under consideration the matter of payments to members of the amalgamated police force who were serving in H.M. Forces, or on war work.

The Standing Joint Committee's practice regarding such members of the former county force was to make their war service pay up to the appropriate amount of their police pay and allowances, less deductions at the rate of 15s. a week in the case of single men and 7s. 6d. a week in the case of married men, serving in H.M. Forces or subject to conditions under which they are fed and housed free of cost to them.

The practice in the amalgamated borough forces has varied, but Ramsgate Town Council decided to pay to any police officer serving in H.M. Forces or on war work a sum equal to the pay and allowances he would have received if he had continued to serve as a police officer, after deducting therefrom the amount of his service pay, or other remuneration as the case might be, and, with this knowledge a number of members of the Ramsgate Police Force volunteered for service with the R.A.F.V.R.

The Joint Police Authority has now decided, stated the report, that the former county practice shall be continued with regard to the county force, and that as from and including the 1st June, 1943, it shall also apply to members of the amalgamated forces in lieu of any existing arrangements applicable to them.

"The committee," the report continued, "are concerned at this decision since members of the former Ramsgate Police Force will be adversely affected financially by the amalgamation which is contrary to the broad principles generally understood when the amalgamation was under discussion earlier in the year.

"In these circumstances the committee recommend that the Town Clerk be requested to ask the Standing Joint Committee to reconsider their decision and to agree that the members of the former borough police force already serving in H.M. Forces shall continue to be subject to the Council's decision of the 7th December, 1939, regarding the making up of war service pay."

The report was adopted without comment.

YANKEE DOODLE DANDY

JAMES CAGNEY AT KING'S

"The kind of film described as colossal," "Cagney makes a new reputation," "Strewn with good songs, good scenes."

These are some of the comments of the critics on "Yankee Doodle Dandy," hailed as one of the greatest musical comedy films of all time, which the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, presents the whole of this week.

The picture is the story of a famous American, George M. Cohan, who knew what it took to please a crowd. It is a flag-waver without apology, for all his life Cohan was a flag-waver, marching at the head of the parade. He did so many varied things during his super-active career as a showman that, in preparing the screen play, it was possible only to touch the high-spots.

Three years ago Cohan said that if the story of his life was ever filmed, James Cagney was the only one to play the title part. Jeanne Cagney, sister of James, stepped into the role of Cohan's sister Josie, and Walter Huston was given the part of Cohan's father, Jerry. The film shows how George finally "crashed" Broadway, joined hands with Sam H. Harris and became the most successful theatrical producer America had ever known.

War-time Wisdom

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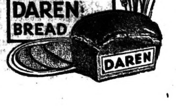

DAREN BREAD

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The new books and cards are being prepared and issued in alphabetical order of holders' surnames. This and other advertisements will tell you when and where your book will be ready. It is no good going to any other place or at any other time. Take your identity card and present food ration book with you. A friend can go for you, *but only* at the time and place advertised for *your* surname.

NAMES BEGINNING:	WHEN TO GO:	WHERE TO GO:
RAMSGATE and MARGATE		
K, L, M, N & O	June 9, 10 & 11	RAMSGATE— 44 Queen Street AND MARGATE— The Food Office, Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children
P, Q & R	June 15 & 16	
S & T	June 17, 18 & 21	Hours— 9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.
BROADSTAIRS		THE FOOD OFFICE
N, O, P, Q & R	June 9 & 10	46 High Street
S	June 10 & 11	Hours— 9.15 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
T, U, V, W, X & Y	June 15, 16, 17 & 18	Closed— Mid-day 1.0 to 2 p.m.
EASTRY RURAL DISTRICT (Parishes of Acol, Minster, Monkton, St. Nicholas & Sarre)		EASTRY
E, F, G & H	June 9, 10 & 11	R.D. Council Offices, Dover Road, Sandwich.
I, J, K, L & M	June 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19	Hours— 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily

The local Food Offices will be closed to the public on Saturday, June 12th, and Monday, June 14th.

If the first letter of your surname does not appear in the left-hand column above and has not been printed in an earlier announcement, you should wait until an advertisement is published later which does contain your initial. You will also find posters in your local cinema, Post Office and elsewhere. Do not apply for your new books until your initial is called.

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Fill in page 3 (the Reference Leaf) of your present ration book exactly as directed on that page.

Disregard the printing on the other side of the Reference Leaf (page 4) in both the General (buff) Book and the Child's (green) Book. In the General (buff) Book, write at the top of page 4 the name and address of the MILK retailer with whom you are *now* registered, that is your *present* milk supplier. (see left-hand diagram).

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BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

The Field Commissioner for Kent and Sussex, Mr. J. Dorgan, M.M., has spent some days in Ramsgate and Broadstairs visiting practically every troop and pack here and in Minster, which is in our association area.

There is something in his personality that has a strong appeal to Scout and Scouter alike; of sturdy build, fresh complexion and dark hair turning iron grey in keeping with a quiet, resolute energy that turns to a good purpose running training courses for Scouters, or training camps for war service Scouts. Between these, his time is spent visiting each area and inspecting the troops and packs at their ordinary work—discerning in the brief time available the efficiency and attainments of each, so that Imperial Headquarters and the County Commissioner knows the pulse of each district.

In due course our District Commissioner will know what Mr. Dorgan thought about our Scouting and Cubbing, but I can tell you now that there were a number of things he saw which pleased him very considerably, both among the Cubs and the Scouts. He knows our difficulties, both of shortage of Scouters and conditions of Scouting due to the war, but our aim has been and, I hope, always will be, to achieve some measure of success in spite of this, and not to tolerate anywhere a lowered standard as an excuse during war-time conditions.

In the Field Commissioner's report we may know with some certainty the opinion of a friendly, independent expert as to how far this goal has been reached in our local groups. One amusing incident was not at a Scout headquarters but in the street. A policeman hailed him and Mr. Dorgan's hand went to his pocket for his identity card. The police constable laughed and said "I don't want to see your identity card, but what brought you down here, Mr. Dorgan?" He then recognised the voice of an old Rover Scout with many years in the movement but looking somewhat older and different in another uniform.

Mr. Dorgan was accompanied on his visits on as many occasions as possible by the D.C. and A.D.C.

A district senior patrol for all Scouts for 15½ to 17½ is being formed from all the local groups. It will be under Mr. Grant, the A.S.M. of the 7th Ramsgate. The patrol will be specially for training for service with all local groups, to stand in where the Scouter or Cubber has to seek outside assistance through any emergency like illness or absence from the district. It will meet on a night not conflicting with any troop meeting and the scarf worn will be that of the senior Scout's own troop, not a distinctive one for the patrol. The preliminary details are settled, and from this move I hope we shall provide a nucleus of future Scouters. The Rover motto of service should make this patrol and its work an ideal that every troop with a wide vision will readily and fully support.

At the conclusion of the visits of the Field Commissioner and the District Commissioner to the association troops it happened at the Minster Scout H.Q. last Wednesday—Mr. Martin-Tomson presented to Mrs. C. Wraight a Lady Worker's Badge in recognition of several years' work in the interests of the local association. The award was a well-kept secret and the recipient was certainly very much surprised; it was the one event in a crowded week that the wife of the A.D.C. did not know was in the official list. Actually the badge was to have been handed over at the St. George's Day parade at Ramsgate but the badge was not to hand in time.

On Friday the Scout and Guide Association had a joint evening in pioneering and cooking instruction. Axemanship, camp cooking fires, a camp oven and a camp fire shelter were carried out by the Scouts, while the Guides, under the District Captain, Miss H. Bowler, showed the best ways of cooking camp dishes under war-time conditions. Miss Spain demonstrated the hay-box cookery methods and its advantages, and afterwards the dishes were tasted by the lucky few—preference was given to some Minster Scouts who had hiked in for the event.

A number of Guides, apart from the four Guiders, were present as spectators, and every troop of Scouts except one in the association helped in the pioneering and very interestedly watched the mysteries of cooking. The second and last of these cooking and pioneering joint meetings open to all Scouts and Guides will be on Friday, 18th June, at 7 p.m., at Inglewood, St. Lawrence, where this demonstration took place.

C.F.W.

BOWLS

CHISLET BEAT RAMSGATE

In a return match at the St. Lawrence Cliffs green on Saturday, Chislet defeated Ramsgate Bowling Club by 102 shots to 51.

Ramsgate.	
W. Brown, H. Bligh, B. Futter, J. B. Sharman	13
G. E. Balster, R. J. Mallam, S. A. Ovenden, T. Mitchell	12
L. Rengert, H. Pleming, W. E. Copping, C. Nixon	12
T. Fletcher, S. E. Austin, O. Hughes, E. Groom	14
Chislet.	
G. Hunter, D. B. Griffiths, T. Hunter, A. Somerville	21
D. Gowan, R. Gowan, T. Hughes, J. McNulley	37
C. Lane, S. Landon, A. Mitchell, P. McArthur	21
S. Hill, S. Johnson, G. D. Bull, J. Rye	23

NAVY BEAT HOME GUARD

A Royal Navy team won by 16 points (246-230) when they were entertained by Ramsgate Home Guard in a shooting match on Thursday.

Navy—Waldron 16 and 20, Tucker 8 and 16, Price 16 and 12, Tilbee 11 and 12, Harmer 15 and 20, Chapman 19 and 20, C/P/O Norris 16 and 12, C/P/O Gray 17 and 16; Home Guard—Sgt. Treweeks 16 and 16, Sgt. Laurence 14 and 8, Pte. Southy 2 and 12, Pte. Fright 18 and 20, Lt. Bolton 15 and 12, Pte. Sackett 18 and 16, L/Cpl. D. Mynheer 17 and 20, Lt. Gardner 18 and 8.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

Hot and Sticky Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hewitt, formerly well-known residents of Ramsgate, continue to receive cheerful reports from their two sons who are on active service. Sgt. Aubrey Hewitt was mobilised at the outbreak of war as a member of the R.A.F.V.R. and in due course he took part in the historic landing in North Africa.

His account of the landing indicated that conditions were pretty tough for a day or so. "I couldn't get a wash except in the sea or clean my teeth for three days," he wrote. But those trials were soon over and in his latest letter he says that shorts and a shirt are sufficient wearing apparel but the only snag is that "we have to wash our knees every day." In peace-time Aubrey was on the administrative staff of a well-known firm of military printers and publishers at Aldershot. He spent his 21st birthday, in September, 1939, in camp.

His younger brother, Cpl. Maurice Hewitt, is in the Middle East with the Royal Engineers and finds opportunity to go into a nearby town for food and films. He reports "fit and well, though hot and sticky." Bathing had just started when he wrote last and he says this is a great joy. He left his apprenticeship with a Portsmouth building firm to join the service and, like his brother, spent his 21st birthday in the forces. At that time he was in a Cairo hospital suffering from dysentry. Both boys are seeing life and making the best of things.

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Jewish Hero For gallant and distinguished service with the Middle East Forces, Tpr. Harry Bressloff, Royal Tank Regiment, has been awarded the Military Medal. He is the second son of the Rev. and Mrs. S. Bressloff, of Montefiore College, Ramsgate, now living at Golders Green. Tpr. Bressloff belongs to the armoured division that achieved the famous name of "Desert Rats." He was wounded at Tobruk and on one occasion was reported missing but turned up safely three weeks later. The tank he was driving had been lost behind Rommel's lines.

Tpr. Bressloff has two brothers in the Army—Aubrey, a sergeant in the R.A., and Sydney, who is in the Queen's Westminsters. The latter was formerly hon. secretary of the Ramsgate Jewish Literary Society.

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Chums Meet Two Ramsgate school chums, both named Brooks, have recently met while on service in India. Spr. Alfred Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Brooks, of 68 High-street, news of whom appeared in this feature in April, has just written to his parents to say that he has met Cftsmn. Reginald Brooks, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brooks, of 94 Newington-road. Cftsmn. Brooks is following in his father's footsteps, for Mr. Henry Brooks, now a Ramsgate Home Guard, had ten years in India and various parts after the last war and has many interesting mementoes of his journeyings. Reg, who formerly worked as a butcher's roundsman, is 23 and an old boy of Ellington School. He joined the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry three years ago but he was later transferred to the R.A.O.C. and then, on its formation, to the R.E.M.E.

Reg is very popular with his company for he is a talented entertainer, as a singer and a piano and accordeon player. Those who spent gay nights at Ramsgate Marina in peace-time will remember him. While proceeding overseas he spent an enjoyable time in South Africa and the mother of a family who entertained him has sent a charming letter to his parents. She came to Ramsgate while holidaying in England in 1932. "India," reports Reg, "is O.K. except for the terrible heat."

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In Devon Parade Besides the fighting forces, munition workers and Civil Defence services, many organisations are doing their bit directly and indirectly in this war. From Barnstaple, North Devon, comes the interesting news that a company of the Girls' Life Brigade taking part in a Wings for Victory parade was captained by Mrs. Benfield, an evacuee from Ramsgate. The wife of Mr. C. Benfield, of 17 Bush-avenue, Newington, she was connected with the G.L.B. movement in Ramsgate before leaving the town with her two boys. Barnstaple raised more than £100,000 beyond its target.

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Service Family Dvr. Horace E. Reynolds, R.A.S.C., who came back from France two weeks after Dunkirk—he evacuated from Cherbourg—was on leave in Ramsgate last week. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reynolds, of 30 West Cliff-road, he is one of five brothers. Educated at Christ Church, he is 26 and entered the Army three and a half years ago after being employed at Minster Laundry. As a member of the R.A.S.C. he is attached to the R.A.M.C. as an ambulance driver and has been at one station for 18 months.

The eldest of the brothers is Harry, aged 30, a gunner in the Royal Artillery, who was a Territorial in peace-time. His wife has been serving in the A.T.S. since March. Mr. Jack Reynolds (24), a member of the Ramsgate Home Guard company, is working for Messrs. W. Houghton, the builders while Vincent (18), a member of the Thanet A.T.C., expects to join the Royal Navy in the near future. Sixteen-year-old Frank Reynolds is a corporal in the Army Cadet Corps, and a sister, Ethel, is married to Dvr. Douglas Edwards, serving in the eastern counties with the Royal Armoured Corps.

Mr. J. Reynolds has worked at Ramsgate harbour for 20 years.

Drummer Sisters Joyce and Peggy Badger, whose home is at 3 Charles-road, Ramsgate, believe in doing the same things as each other. They are both serving in the W.A.A.F., in the same company in fact, each is a corporal, a cook and a side-drummer in the band which has been formed at their station. They even celebrate their birthday on the same day, Joyce being 25 and Peggy 20.

Although cooking is their job in the W.A.A.F., both the sisters get a kick out of their voluntary duties in the band and enjoy taking part in Wings for Victory parades. Already they have appeared with their smart 20-piece band in such places as Maidstone, Gosport, Northfleet, Southampton, Isle of Wight and Thorny Island. They give all the credit for the popularity of the band to Sgt. W. Goddard, of the Royal Marines, who instructs them. No doubt they inherit their liking for this job from their father, Mr. Godfrey Badger, who was a boy drummer in the Royal West Kents and still plays locally.

There is another musical member of the family, Mr. Ron Badger, aged 22, who plays the xylophone. Formerly on the staff of Messrs. Alfred Olby Ltd., the builders' merchants, he is now working in an aircraft factory.

Bob Badger, a year older than him, is serving with the R.E.M.E. in North Africa and has met many Ramsgate fellows out there. Before action ceased in that theatre of war Bob wrote "I am not far from the fighting line but the boys in the air are looking after us. Tell my sisters to keep up the good work."

Another sister, Phyllis, is the wife of Spr. Ted E. Spice, Royal Engineers, and they have two children. Ted, who worked for several local builders, entered the Army last December after being engaged as an Air Ministry works foreman, and he is now on a staff sergeant's course in his own trade. His father, formerly of 36 St. George's-road, Ramsgate, and now living at Bournemouth, fought in France in the last war.

Joyce, Peggy and Bob Badger, all old pupils of St. Augustine's School, were connected with the dramatic society which performed at St. Ethelbert's Hall and the sisters were members of the 5th Ramsgate Girl Guides. The cooking section in which they are working has won a cup for the finest drill in the company.

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After 16 Months Missing since the fall of Singapore 16 months ago, Gnr. John Charles Stephen Todd, R.A., eldest son of Mrs. Todd, of 12 Bright's-place, Ramsgate, has been reported a prisoner of war in Japanese hands.

Stephen, who is 25 and an old boy of St. Augustine's School, was employed for several years as a boot repairer and later on the road staff of the Kent County Council. He joined the Royal Artillery a month after the outbreak of war and went abroad in October, 1941.

Gnr. Todd will be remembered as a member of St. Luke's F.C.

As recently reported in the ADVERTISER & ECHO, one of his brothers, Spr. John A. Todd, is in a Middle East hospital suffering from head injuries sustained when he was carrying out mine-laying operations. The latest news of John is that he is making good progress and he is now able to write to his mother.

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On Holy Ground The Christ Church, Ramsgate, magazine for June contains the interesting information that two fellows from the parish met in the Garden of Gethsemane on Good Friday. In an airgraph written on Easter Monday, Ted Bevan wrote "To my great surprise I met Ken Shersby in the Garden of Gethsemane beneath the olive trees of Christ's time." Ken sent an airmail card six days later saying "We were both too astounded to say much and I only spoke to him for a couple of minutes. He looked very fit and it was grand to see one of the old boys again."

The magazine also publishes news

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of Frank Walker, training with the Royal Air Force in Canada. He is in Hamilton, near Niagara Falls, and writes "The most staggering things that strike the war-worn Englishman are the lights and the food. I am getting used to eggs, bacon and butter ad lib with bags of fruit juice, milk and fruit. The lights are exciting—there is no other word for it."

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Butcher in R.A.F. Among the local men serving with the Royal Air Force in North Africa is Acm. John Piper, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Piper, of Ringmer, Margate-road, Ramsgate. Twenty-two years of age, he was employed by Messrs. H. Wood and Co., the butchers, in their machine-room until joining the R.A.F. in October, 1941. He is serving as a cook-butcher. Acm. Piper is an old boy of Hereson School.

STRUCK AT SHIPS

D.F.C. FOR TEACHER'S HUSBAND

The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to A/Sqdn.-Ldr. John Trevor Freeman, No. 608 Squadron, whose wife was formerly a schoolteacher at Ramsgate and Minster.

A/Sqdn.-Ldr. Freeman became a sergeant-pilot in 1934 and was commissioned in 1940. The citation announcing the award reads:

"This officer joined the squadron in July, 1941, and has since been continuously employed on operational flying duties. He has taken part in a large number of shipping strikes along the Danish and Norwegian coasts and also in a successful low-level raid on Christiansand harbour. Since November, 1942, he has displayed great courage and determination during anti-submarine patrols in the Mediterranean. He has invariably displayed exceptional keenness for operational work and has set an excellent example to the squadron."

The officer married Miss J. Carter, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. R. Carter, of Kookooburra, Fairfield-road, Minster. From Clarendon House School, Ramsgate, she went to the Bishop Otter Memorial College, Chichester, and was later appointed a teacher at Ellington School, Ramsgate. After 12 months she went to Minster infants' school for seven years. She is now living at Bedale, Yorks.

Flt.-Lt. Robert D. Carter, a son of Mrs. Carter, is stationed in the north of England as a member of the R.A.F. ground staff. He is an old St. Georgian.

WAR-TIME PUBLICITY

JOINT THANET PROPOSAL

The Publicity Committee of Broadstairs Council have suggested that the three Thanet towns should cooperate in a joint war-time publicity scheme.

The report of the committee, presented at a meeting of Broadstairs Council on Monday, stated that the committee considered the suggestion of the chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) that, as a war-time measure, advertisements should from time to time be inserted in selected newspapers and journals, either by the Council acting alone or in co-operation with the Councils of Ramsgate and Margate, with the object of attracting new residents and visitors at the end of the war and of gaining the return of former residents and visitors.

The committee recommended that the views of Ramsgate and Margate Councils should be sought.

The following is a suggested form of advertisement:

"Thanet (Margate, Ramsgate and Broadstairs) will be ready to welcome old and new residents and visitors after the war. Plans being prepared for post-war reconstruction. Prepare to visit and reside in England's most healthy corner. Queries gladly answered. Publicity departments: Margate, Ramsgate and Broadstairs."

At Monday's meeting of the Council, Councillor Pearson said he was very pleased that the Publicity Committee had accepted his suggestion. The importance of the proposal would be considerably increased if Margate and Ramsgate agreed to co-operate. Members would recall the excellent manner in which a joint publicity scheme between the three towns was carried out some years previously and the results were very satisfactory.

No one knew, said Councillor Pearson, when the present state of emergency would cease to exist and they should be ready to meet post-war days. There must be a large number of people, in addition to those who already visited the area, who would wish to come to Thanet and enjoy the finest air in the Kingdom.

The Council confirmed the committee's recommendation.

Margate have already expressed their willingness to co-operate.

BROADSTAIRS OFFICIALS' SALARIES

The Staffing Sub-Committee have been requested by Broadstairs Council to consider generally the present salaries paid to the permanent officers of the Council and the wages paid to certain permanent employees whose basic remuneration has not been the subject of recent review.

The Council on Monday approved a recommendation of the North Foreland Golf Club Committee that the salary of Mr. W. N. Darvill, secretary of the golf club, should be increased to £260 per annum.

WHITSUN POST

There will be one delivery of letters and parcels in Ramsgate postal district on Whit-Monday.

Collections will be made from the head office, Ramsgate, and Broadstairs branch office and all town letter-boxes in the evening at the usual bank holiday times, and the usual night mail will be despatched. Collections in the rural area will be made in connection with the morning delivery.

The public counter at the head office, Ramsgate, will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and Broadstairs branch office from 9 to 10.30 a.m. Telegrams will also be accepted at the side door of the Ramsgate head office from 5 to 7 p.m.

Town sub-offices will be closed.

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which in their view would be detrimental not only to Ramsgate but also to the other towns of the Isle of Thanet.

Impossible to Answer.

2. Is amalgamation desired if amalgamation will definitely secure the retention of existing powers which would otherwise be lost?

The committee feel that it is impossible to answer this question until the time comes, if it ever should come, of knowing what powers could be retained by amalgamation which might otherwise be lost. There is no indication that the Government contemplate taking away from towns of the size of Ramsgate powers which would be retained by towns of the size which would be created by the amalgamation of the three towns of the Isle of Thanet.

If for the purpose of obtaining uniformity the Government place certain public health functions in the hands of larger authorities such as the County Councils the committee assume that there will be an opportunity on the part of towns such as Ramsgate to apply for the delegation of the local administration of such functions or alternatively that Ramsgate and the other towns of the Isle of Thanet will have representation on the committees which may be appointed to supervise such functions locally.

3. Is amalgamation desired in the hope that amalgamation may tend to the retention of existing powers with no guarantee one way or the other?

In view of the answers given to queries Nos. 1 and 2, the answer to this query is in the negative.

4. Is it desired to remain as independent units of local government taking whatever risk there may be either of the government forcing amalgamation or taking away some existing powers?

With their present knowledge of the Government's intentions the committee's answer to this question is in the affirmative.

The committee feel, however, that it would be wise for the Joint Committee to remain in existence to watch the position as the Government's proposals for the reform of local government take shape and to report to the Councils of the three towns as occasion may require.

The committee feel that the Joint Committee should consider to what extent it might be possible for the three towns to act jointly from time to time whilst retaining their own individuality. In this connection the Joint Hospital Committee have always functioned satisfactorily and the committee feel that there is opportunity for joint action in other matters such as the extension of facilities for civil aviation after the war where rapid developments are likely to take place.

The Officials' Report.

The report submitted to the Joint Committee by the officials of the three towns, signed by Mr. E. F. Owen, Clerk to Broadstairs Council, who was chairman of the meeting of officials, Mr. P. T. Grove, Town Clerk of Margate, and Mr. Curtis, hon. secretary of the Joint Committee, states that it is generally assumed by the associations which represent various classes of local authorities that the Government intend, at the end of the war, to introduce legislation for the reform of local government which may have the effect of eliminating a large number of smaller local authorities, or, in the alternative, may take away from the existing smaller authorities many of their powers and transfer them to larger authorities such as the county councils or possibly to newly-created regional authorities.

The report then gives extracts from the reports of the various local government associations as to the shape which they think any changes should take.

The hon. secretary of the Joint Committee states the report, has been in communication with the Ministry of Health and has ascertained that the procedure for dealing with boundary alterations has been suspended during the war and even if there should be general agreement among the local authorities themselves there is no possibility of amalgamation taking place during the war.

Protecting Smaller Authorities.

"We feel," the report continues, "that the associations who represent the various classes of local authorities are fully alive to the danger of the smaller local authorities being deprived of one after another of their functions during the war and that they will do everything in their power to protect the smaller authorities."

The amalgamation of the three towns would give, on the basis of the pre-war figures, a town with a population of 87,959, and it would have been possible in pre-war days to say with certainty that a town of this size would control education, police and all essential public health services. The advantage to Broadstairs of such an amalgamation would have been that Broadstairs would, as part of the large town, have had a voice in the administration of education and police and some public health services which it does not now possess.

After pointing out that it is impossible at present to say what the result of amalgamation upon the retention of existing functions or the acquisition of additional functions would be, the report proceeds: "**We feel that it would be unwise for any of the three local authorities to assume that amalgamation would effect such economies that the average ratepayers would derive any substantial benefit in the shape of reduced rates.**

"If the Government adopts the proposals of the Association of Municipal Corporations then it would be reasonable to assume that the single purposes authority for this area would be the amalgamated three towns of the Isle of Thanet with probably a large area of the hinterland at present forming part of the Eastry Rural District Council. Since this area lends itself naturally to this solution there would appear to be no need for any action to be taken by the local authorities of the Isle of Thanet at the present time.

"If, on the other hand, the Government adopt the proposals of the County Councils Association it might well be that the three towns of the Isle of Thanet would be left as independent units of local government with some of their existing powers curtailed but in the main with functions similar to those which they now possess."

Differing Development.

There is one important aspect in connection with the amalgamation of adjoining seaside towns, continues the report, which does not apply in the case of inland or industrial areas, and that is the effect which amalgamation would be likely to have upon the individuality of the towns as holiday resorts. There has been no suggestion from any quarter that the existing powers of holiday towns to provide amenities and entertainment for visitors should be curtailed.

There is a definite community of interest between the three towns since they all depend for their prosperity upon their appeal to the public as holiday and health resorts. At the same time, although adjacent to one another, each have their own individuality, they each appeal to a different type of visitor, and they have tended to develop on different lines in providing amenities and amusements for visitors.

"We feel," states the report, "that as officers we cannot at this stage usefully add more to this report in view of the uncertainty of the Government proposals and of the fact that the matter has not been discussed in any detail by the councils of the three towns. We feel that certain broad principles should first be settled by the three authorities and we shall be glad to go into greater detail upon any aspect of the question if requested to do so."

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THANET HOSPITALS' CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME

Another successful year, notwithstanding the difficulties of collecting subscriptions in war-time, is recorded in the annual report of the Thanet Hospitals' Contributory Scheme.

The report, to be presented at the annual meeting to be held at Augustine Villa, West Cliff-road, Ramsgate, this evening, states: "Membership of the scheme has been maintained during the year by the enrolment of new members and re-enrolment of many who have returned to Thanet. These make up for the loss of membership of those now serving in the forces. It is also pleasing to report that while contributions for the year have increased the cost of administration has decreased and the thanks of the committee are tendered to the secretary, group secretaries and office staff for this achievement.

"It is with a sense of deep gratitude that the committee expresses its thanks to the group secretaries of the various firms and road groups for their unfailing service in the interests of the hospitals and their fellow townspeople. To them the main credit of a successful year is undoubtedly due and unstintedly given."

The increased cost of treatment brought about by the rising costs of everything needed in our hospitals, the report states, has compelled the London hospitals to require a payment of 7s. per day by the provincial schemes for the treatment of members. The Thanet scheme has, so far, been able to meet this extra liability and, at the same time, increase the payment to local and East Kent hospitals without having to raise the weekly rate of contributions by members.

Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1942, show that during that period contributions to the Ramsgate section amounted to £2,291 16s. 6d. and to the joint section £880 3s. 10d., making a total of £3,172 0s. 4d., while £250 16s. 6d. was received from the Hospital Savings Association and other schemes.

A fine total of £2,315 0s. 4d. was paid out for treatment—£1,367 18s. 4d. in the Ramsgate section, £676 9s. 6d. in the joint section, and £270 12s. 6d. to auxiliary services, such as the ambulance and the Hospital Savings Association. Salaries and wages accounted for £534 8s. and there was a balance on the year's working of £309 14s. 11d. The balance sheet shows a credit of £1,986 9s. 11d.

MARGATE

Summons Withdrawn.—Margate magistrates on Wednesday consented to the withdrawal of a summons against Mrs. Emily Simmonds, who was alleged to have permitted a light to show after black-out hours at her home at Belmont-road, Westgate. C/I Fleet said defendant was in the police station but was not in a fit condition to come into court. She had recently lost her husband. In the circumstances he asked that the summons should be withdrawn.

K.B.E. FOR MARGATE MAN

In the King's birthday honours list it is announced that Acting Air Mshl. Francis John Linnell, C.B., is created a Knight of the Order of the British Empire.

A Margate man, the Acting Air Marshal, son of Mr. W. H. Linnell, former manager of Lloyds Bank Ltd., Margate, was recently appointed Deputy Air Officer Commanding Middle East.

Births, Engagements, Marriages and Deaths

The PREPAID charges for these announcements are 1d. per word (minimum: Births and Deaths 1/6, Engagements, Marriages, Return Thanks and In Memoriam 2/6).

BIRTHS

Bushell.—29th May, at 18 Wellington-road, Westgate, the wife of A/Q/M/S Bushell, R.E.M.E., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Cockran—Rousell.—30th May, at All Saints', Birchington, by the Rev. N. M. G. Sharp, William John Cockran, R.N., of Exeter, to Evelyn Muriel Rousell, of Birchington.

Pidduck—Mingay.—1st June, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. P. M. Townend, Pte. Cecil Pidduck, The Buffs, to Olive Maud Mingay, both of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Cornford.—28th May, Fanny, widow of the late David Cornford, passed peacefully away, aged 88 years.

Drayson.—30th May, at Ramsgate General Hospital, after a painful illness, John Richard Drayson, aged 55 years, of 69 Boundary-road, Ramsgate.

Ellis.—29th May, at Herne Bay, Daisy Eileen Ellis, of 16 Tivoli Park-avenue, Margate, aged 24 years.

Jarman.—31st May, at 245, College-road, Margate, Sarah Elizabeth Jarman, late of Garlinge, aged 79 years.

Jordan.—29th May, suddenly, at 22 Suffolk-road, Enfield, Middlesex, William Henry Jordan, aged 55 years, late of Shaftesbury-street, Ramsgate.

Lilly.—21st May, Kate Lilly, of 6 Albion-hill, Ramsgate, passed to her rest aged 66 years, second daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Lilly, of 18 Norland-square, Notting Hill, W.

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. F. Baker, Miss Cornford and members of the family, wish to express many thanks to the friends and neighbours for their kind enquiries and sympathy in regard to the passing of their mother, Mrs. Cornford, also for the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Drayson and daughter wish to express many thanks to friends and neighbours for kindness and sympathy shown in their sad loss; also for beautiful floral tributes; and to the doctor and the hospital staff for their kindness and attention; also Mr. W. H. Maskell for funeral arrangements.—69 Boundary-road, Ramsgate.

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